

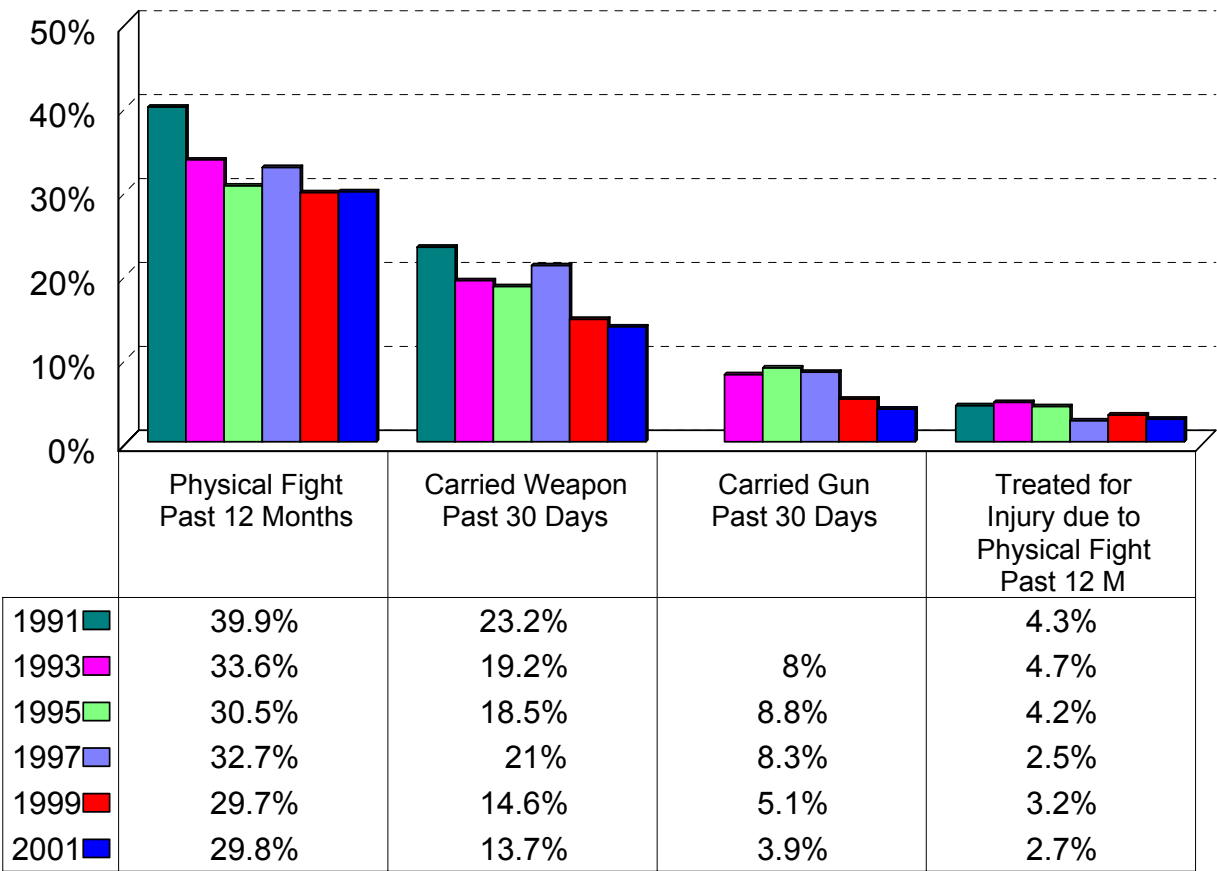
Violence

Youth violence poses major risks to health and safety. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey includes questions on physical fighting, weapons possession, injury as a result of physical fighting, weapon threats, school absence due to safety concerns, abuse, and forced sexual intercourse.

Highlights

L In 2001, about one third of teens reported having been involved in physical fight during the 12 months preceding the survey; the rate has not changed from the previous biannual survey years. Other general indicators of violence and weapons possession continued to show a steady decline over the time of record.

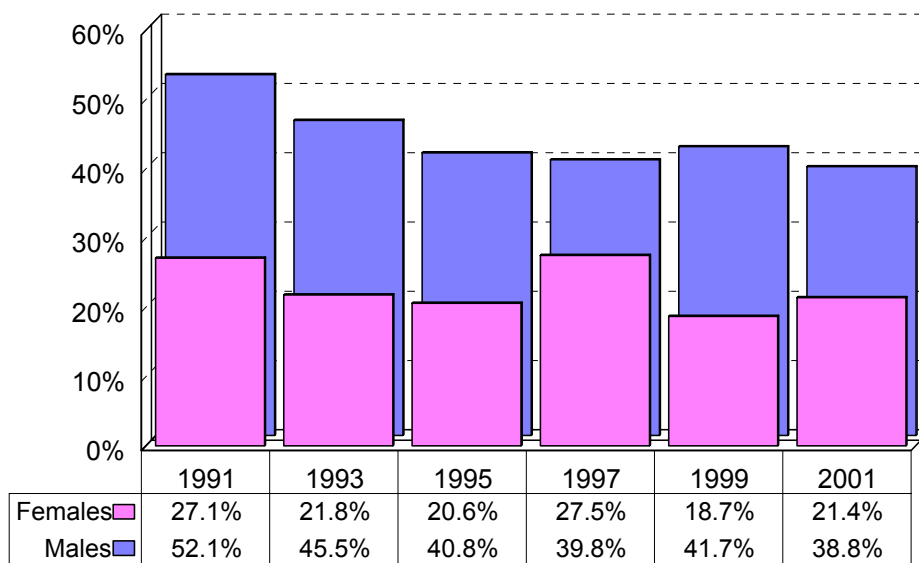
Figure 1: Violence*
High School Students



*Grade Adjusted

- L Similar to past surveys, males (38.8%) were more likely to report physical fight than females (21.4%) during the 12 months preceding the survey.

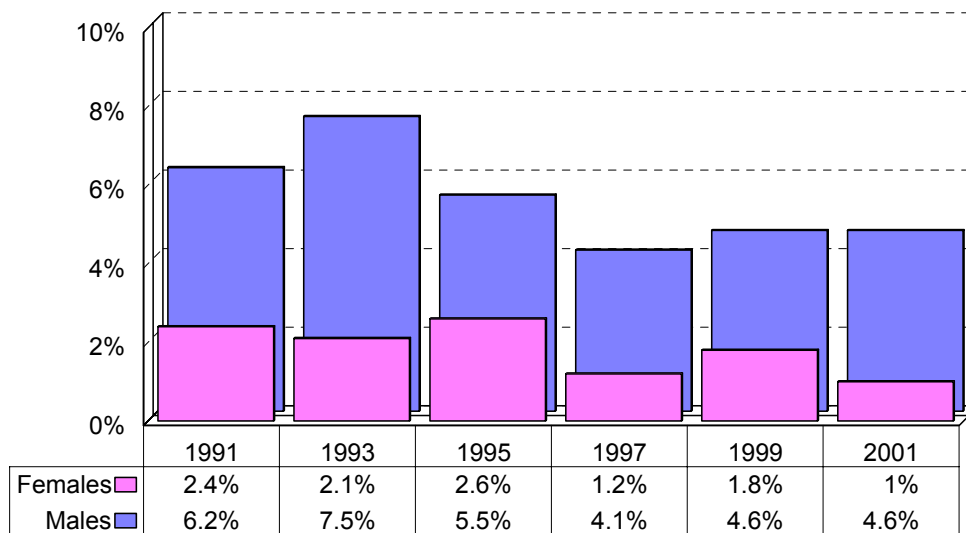
Figure 3: Physical Fight Within Past 12 Months*
High School Students



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- L Higher proportions of males (4.6%) were treated for an injury resulting from a fight than females (1%).

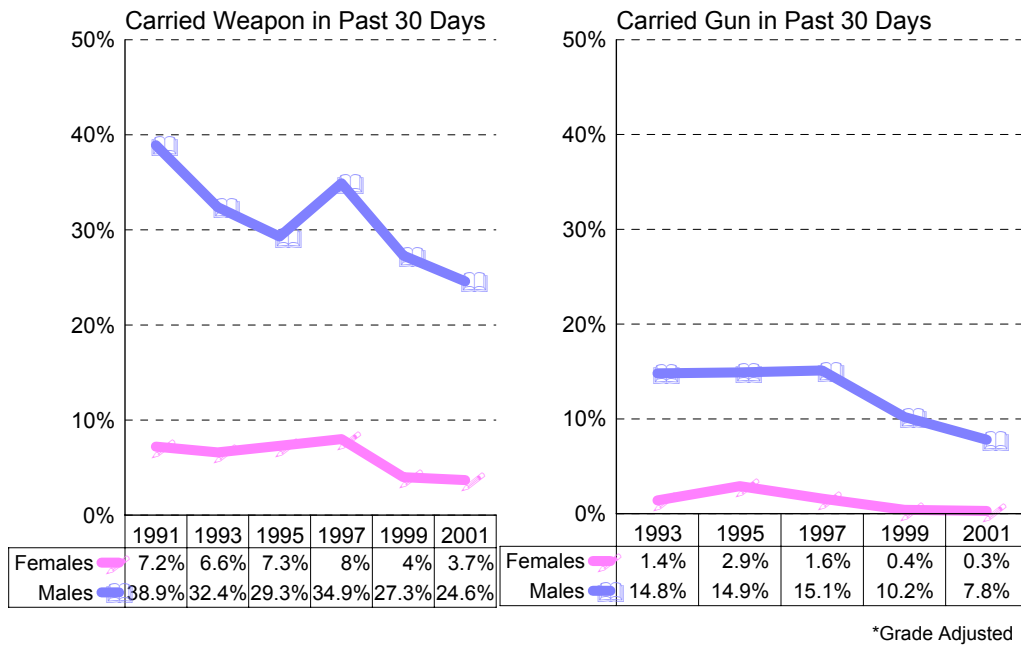
**Figure 4: Treated for Injury
Due to Physical Fight in the Past 12 Months***
High School Students



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L Males were nearly seven times (24.6%) more likely to carry a weapon and twenty six times (7.8%) more likely to carry a gun than female (3.7% & 0.3% respectively).

Figure 5: Weapon and Gun Possession*
High School Students



L Figure 6, 7 & 8 shows physical fight, weapon and gun possession by grade.

**Figure 6: Physical Fight Within
Past 12 Months By Grade
High School Students**

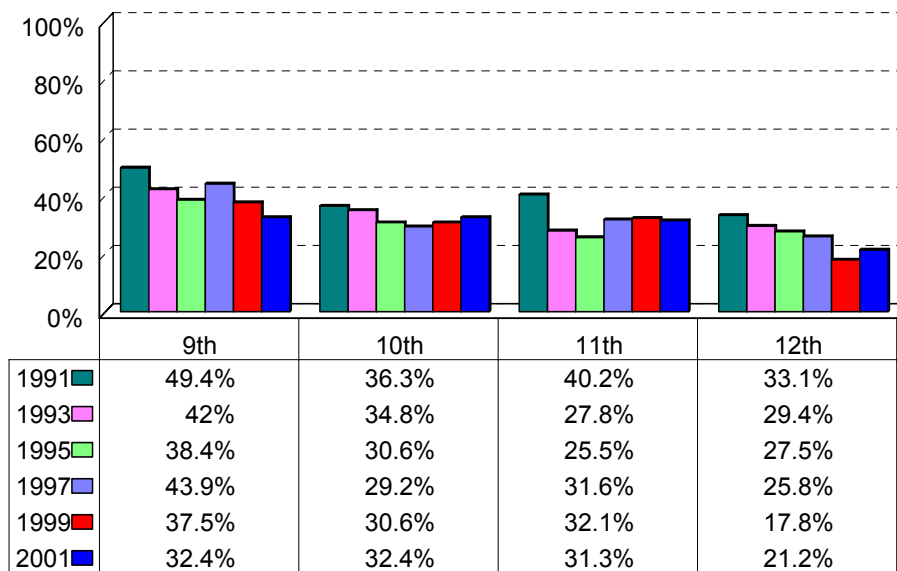


Figure 7: Weapon Possession by Grade
Carried Gun, Knife, or Club Within Past 30 Days

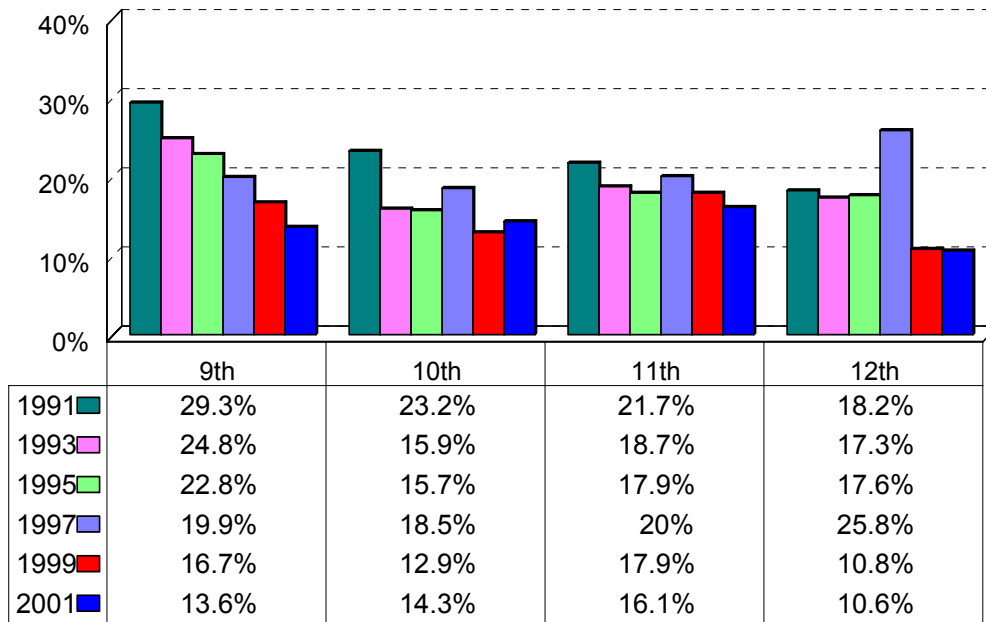
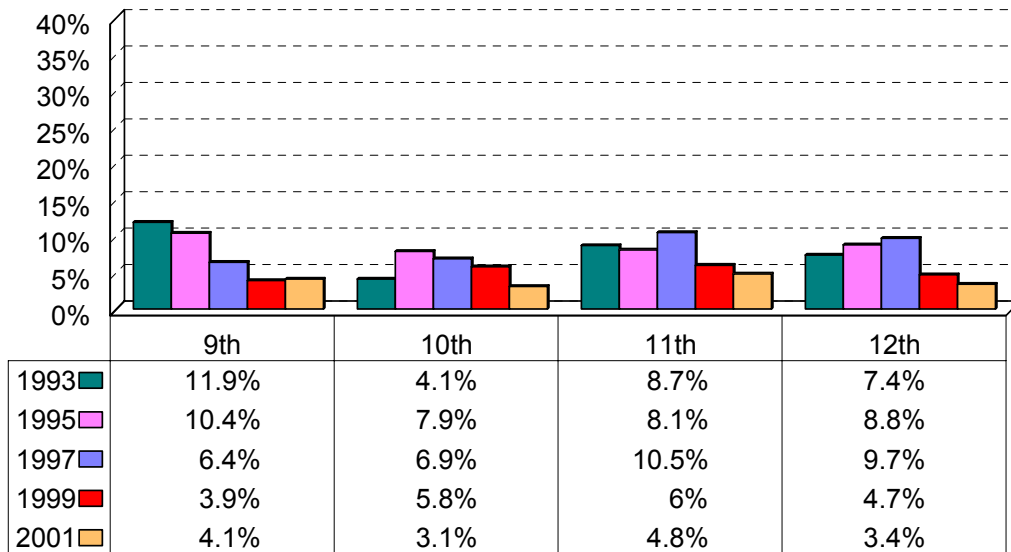
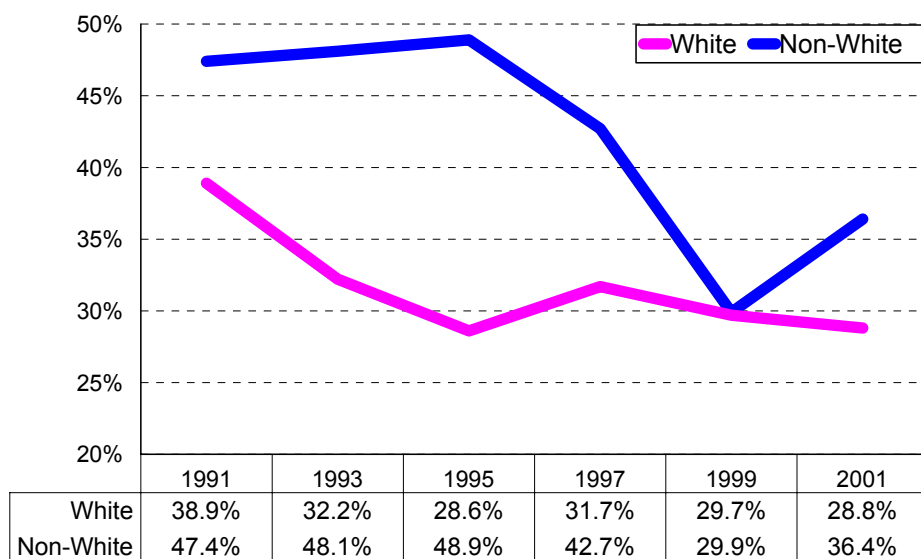


Figure 8: Gun Possession by Grade
Carried a Gun Within the Past 30 Days



L Non-whites were more likely to report a physical fight than whites in 2001. This was consistent with the previous survey years except 1999 when the rate was the same for both racial groups.

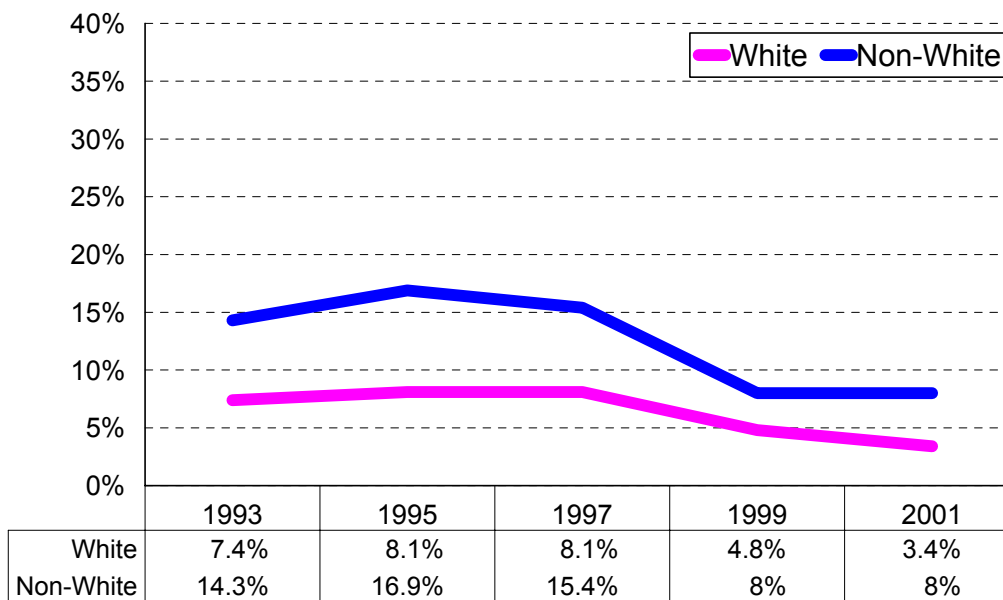
Figure 9: Physical Fight Within Past 12 Months*
High School Students



*Grade Adjusted

L Non-whites were also more likely to report possessing a weapon or a gun during the month preceding the survey.

Figure 10: Gun Possession*
Carried a Gun During the Past 30 Days



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